



JULIUS CAESAR : ACT 1 YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 PUNCTUATION EXERCISE DIRECT SPEECH

L.I: To use and punctuate direct speech

Direct speech is when you quote the exact words someone has spoken. This is a key feature used when writing newspaper reports as you will often need to quote a witness/someone you've interviewed or spoken to. To show that someone is talking you need to use **speech marks, also known as inverted commas** at the beginning and end of the direct speech.

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“ Beware the ides of March. ”

RULES OF DIRECT SPEECH

- Each new person's speech starts on a new line
- You put speech marks at the beginning of the speech
- Each new line of speech starts with a capital letter
- The line of speech ends with a comma, question mark or exclamation mark
- The closing speech marks are put **AFTER** the punctuation
- A reporting clause is used at the end (whispered Lady Macbeth, shouted Macbeth, screamed Banquo)

Useful videos:

Video on how to use speech mark

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zvftsbk>

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2. The soothsayer shouted Beware the ides of March

3. We make holiday to see Caesar and rejoice in his return cried the shoemaker

4. Hence you idle creatures get home!! yelled Marullus

5. What man is that? Caesar wanted to know

6. Caesar replied He is a dreamer, let us leave him

7. Speak once again said Caesar

8. Cassius had a lean and hungry look-such men are dangerous whispered Caesar to his best friend, Mark Antony

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ANSWERS**

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"We make holiday to see Caesar and rejoice in his return", cried the shoemaker.
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"Hence you idle creatures get home!!", yelled Marullus
5. What man is that? Caesar wanted to know
"What man is that?", Caesar wanted to know.
6. Caesar replied He is a dreamer, let us leave him
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"Speak once again", said Caesar
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"Cassius has a lean and hungry look-such men are dangerous", whispered Caesar to his best friend, Mark Antony.
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